

MILLION WEDDINGS IN 1921 NEW RECORD

Number May Equal Even 1,500,000 From Reports to Government.

INCREASE WORLDWIDE

Germany Is Only Country in Which Marriages List Isn't Abnormal.

LAID TO SHORTAGE IN MEN

French and British Say Conditions Are to Blame for Women's Daring Dress.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.

More than 1,000,000 marriages will be the record of 1921 in the United States, establishing a new high mark, according to indications in reports received by Government bureaus. The number may go as high as 1,500,000 by December 31.

Matrimonial records have been broken in all civilized countries in the last few months, even taking into consideration the war period, when young men and women rushed to the altar in numbers never known before.

The rush throughout the world is puzzling officials, statesmen and social workers. Because of worldwide business depression and high prices the marriage rates should descend, it is assumed.

In England 400,000 couples entered the wedded state last year, according to latest and reliable reports, an increase of almost 100,000 over the previous year. In France and Italy also new records are being set up. Only in Germany is marriage increasing at a rate that is not regarded as astonishing.

Increase in Divorces Too.

At the same time the number of applications for divorce also is showing a big increase in most countries compared with the pre-war period. This is attributed to the inability of war marriages to survive. Although no new reports on divorces in the United States are yet available, it is known the number of separations is much larger than before the war.

In Germany divorce is frowned on and the Government is considering measures to encourage marriage. German statesmen fear a decrease in population unless social relief is afforded.

Similar anxiety is being registered by French officials, who, however, have long struggled with the problem of a falling population rate. In France proposals to encourage marriage thus far offered have included bounties and modification of taxation especially for single persons, taxes on bachelors and single women. A worldwide shortage of marriageable men is assigned as the cause of the increase in the marriage rate in England and some other countries, although this cause would be without foundation in the United States.

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The larger number of marriageable women than men is the explanation given for the daring modes in dress of the present, according to writers in some French and British newspapers. Other writers, however, point out that dress extravagance always has followed all wars. The new styles, they emphasize, are tending each day to return to the more conservative lines and smaller outlay of money.

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Benefit to the Railroads.

Railroad managers see in the high marriage rate an increase in the number of persons travelling. Despite increase in passenger fares few newliners are omitting the wedding journey. Hotels and watering places believe the high marriage rate is helping to fill their accommodations to capacity. Jewellers benefit because marriages mean not only diamond engagement rings, but gifts as well from friends and relatives, who in a majority of cases select articles that come from such stores.

Joining the chorus of applause by the proprietors of these establishments is the song of an army of bellboys, waiters, theatres' box office attendants, automobile salesmen and manufacturers and taxicab drivers.

More brides more business is the way it works out in the language of those who hope to benefit from a record year in romance.

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RADIUM RAYS IN DRINKS MAKE OLD AGE A DELIGHT

Even Workers in Mine Enjoy Renewed Youth, Says Chicago Therapist—Prevents Hardening of Arteries and Dissipates Pains.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—How radium administered internally could prolong human life and make old age almost a delight was described today by Dr. E. Stillman Bailey of Chicago to the therapists in convention here.

Dr. Bailey, who is one of America's foremost authorities on this mysterious element, told of the renewed youth of the men working in the radium mines of Colorado.

"During the flu epidemic, he said, those workers were immune. Ailments such as rheumatism, gout and neuritis were unknown. He attributed the excellent state of health of these men to their drinking water charged with radium.

"The rays caught in sugar of milk and made up into tablets, taken internally," he said, "seem to work miracles."

FIVE BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT BY POSSE

Citizens Surround Them in Haystack Near Elie, Man.

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 12.—Five robbers who this afternoon dragged the manager and two women clerks of the bank of Hochelaga at Elie, Manitoba, and escaped with between \$40,000 and \$50,000 cash and securities, were captured later after being surrounded in a haystack near Elie by a citizens' posse.

The robbers dragged A. Phier, manager of the bank, and his two clerks, both young women. They will recover the safe was rifled, the bandits getting out of town in an automobile before an alarm was sounded.

About two miles and a half from Elie the car broke down and the men took to their heels, carrying their loot in two satchels.

MORE ARRESTS SINCE PROHIBITION IN BOSTON

Crime Shows Gain; Drunkenness Increases.

Boston, Oct. 12.—Crime is increasing in Boston and there is more drunkenness now than before prohibition, according to the annual report of the Municipal Court, made public today.

The court tried 17,261 persons for drunkenness up to October 1 as compared with 12,747 for the same months in 1920, an increase of 3,514 in a year.

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BILL CLOSES MAILS TO BETTING 'NEWS'

House Measure Strikes at Newspapers Carrying Horse Racing Odds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Transmission through the mails of newspapers publishing betting odds on horse races, prize fights and "other contests of speed, strength or skill," would be prohibited under a bill passed today without a roll call by the House. Senate concurrence is needed before the measure can become a law.

As introduced by Representative Ramseyer, Republican (Iowa), the bill was designed to further tighten the postal laws to exclude fraudulent devices and lottery paraphernalia from the mails. Representative Walsh, Republican (Mass.), offered the amendment, which was adopted by a viva voce vote.

Dr. Bailey exhibited photographs of plants whose growth had been stimulated by radium. One tomato vine had grown to the height of ten feet four inches.

'POSTAL BULLETIN' NOW OUT WITH CARTOONS

Postmaster-General Hays to Better the Service.

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Cartoonists in different parts of the United States are getting behind Postmaster-General Hays in his drive to improve mail service, the Post Office Department announced to-night.

As evidence of the fact the Postal Bulletin, a dry official gazette, came out in lively style with illustrations today.

It is the first time since the Bulletin was established that the cartoon has featured it, and Mr. Hays believes the innovation will aid in driving home some facts about proper addressing of mail, early mailing and preparing for the holiday rush.

SIR HARRY SINGS IN SING SING.

Sir Harry Lauder began his vaudeville tour of America yesterday in Sing Sing chapel amid the applause of the prisoners, whom, he said, he came to see because they could not come to see him. He sang several songs, told stories and made a speech. On his way back to New York he stopped at the grave of Andrew Carnegie in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown. Sir Harry and Mr. Carnegie were old friends.

GERMAN PACT WILL PASS IN FEW DAYS

Death of Senator Knox May Cause Some Delay in Action on Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Ratification of the German peace treaty within the next few days was forecast to-night by leaders of both sides after a canvass of the Senate had been completed. A vote on the treaty had been expected by Friday, or Saturday at the latest, but in view of the death of Senator Knox some delay is expected in the action of the Senate.

A safe margin above the necessary two-thirds majority for ratification was claimed by the treaty's advocates. Fourteen Democratic votes, it was said, would be cast for ratification, with a loss to the Republican side of only three or four against ratification.

Senator Lodge (Mass.), Republican leader, discussed the handling of the treaty with Senator Underwood (Ala.), Democratic floor leader, and later announced that the treaty would have exclusive right of way beginning not later than Friday. The unanimous consent agreement, made some time ago, to limit each Senator's time to one hour will become effective then.

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Senator Walsh, Democrat (Mont.), spoke at length to-day against ratification. He declared the treaty "useless as well as vicious," and argued that it reserved privileges without assuming legal obligations, but entailed moral duties unescapable. His principal objection, he said, was that it provided for disarmament of Germany without pledging the United States to protect Germany against aggression as other nations were pledged in the Versailles treaty.

Another development in the situation to-day was circulation about the Senate of a report that prominent Democrats out of public life were providing to Democratic Senators to stand by the Versailles treaty. Named in the reports as especially active in this respect were William G. McAdoo, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, and Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board.

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